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Teen Read Week planned

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NEWTON— Catawba County Library System is celebrating Teen Read Week this month with special activities for ages 12-18.

Teen Read Week (Oct. 18-24) is an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association. The observance is designed to encourage youth to visit their public and school libraries, choose their own reading material and read for pleasure. The theme this year is “Read Beyond Reality.” The observance underscores the library’s mission of fostering life-long learning, the joy of reading, cultural appreciation and creative thinking for all ages.

The county library observance will include a “monster ball” beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, in Newton. Youth are invited to dress as their favorite book character (not necessarily a monster) and join the fun including free pizza.

St. Stephens will sponsor a Teen Read program at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 20 to include information about how to succeed in school. The Southwest Branch invites ages 12 and up to take part in a career journaling session at 4 p. m. on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Newton will sponsor a Game Day from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16. The monthly Teen Advisory Board, a group of youth who help library staff plan programs and select materials, will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 in Newton.

All of the programs are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Richard Griffin, Youth Services librarian, at 465-8668 or the branch where a particular event will be held.



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